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U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

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6,847,837	01/25/05	Melzer, et al.

FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

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WO 99/19739	04/22/99	PCT
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## CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

### **WO 99/19739**

This reference appears to disclose an MR imaging method for representing and determining the position of a medical device inserted in an examination objection, and to a medical device used in the method. In accordance with the invention, the device (11) comprises at least one passive oscillating circuit with an inductor (2a, 2b) and a capacitor (3a, 3b). The resonance frequency of this circuit substantially corresponds to the resonance frequency of the injected high-frequency radiation from the MR system. In this way, in a locally limited area, situated inside or around the device, a modified signal answer is generated which is represented with spatial resolution.

### **EP 1092985 A1**

Please refer to U.S. Patent No. 6,847,837 for an English language equivalent of this European patent reference.

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